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Title: Systems and Methods Employing a Bite Block Insert for Positioning and Stabilizing External Instruments Deployed in the Body

**AMENDMENT C**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2005.

An automatic three (3) month extension of time to respond, up to and including July 24 2005, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.